Uniform Crime Reporting
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Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook 2004 Revision

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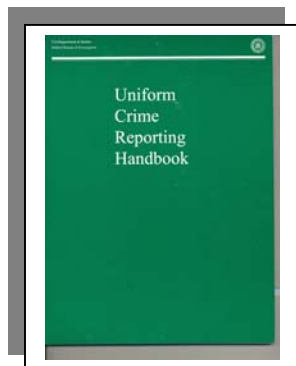
The "green" UCR handbook should be discarded and no longer used as a reference. The FBI has issued a revised Summary Based edition.

The revised UCR Handbook is available in pdf format on the web by navigating to the Crime Statistics link on the Rhode Island State Police Web site at www.risp.state.ri.us by scrolling to the section entitled Additional Resources. The "green" book is now has a white cover sheet with green writing.
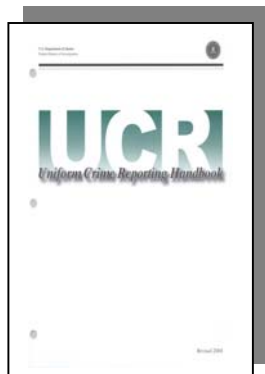

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RMS/UCR managers are requested to use the UCR Handbook 2004 Revision as a reference and print copies as needed.

A hardcopy of the revised UCR Handbook should be filed in Section 12 of the Rhode Island Uniform Crime Reporting Guideline Book. Please note that this will be a new section of the Guideline Book. Each RMS/UCR manager should have a Rhode Island Uniform Crime Reporting Guideline Book and is responsible for keeping the Guideline Book current. As an additional resource, this information is available on the State Police Web Site.
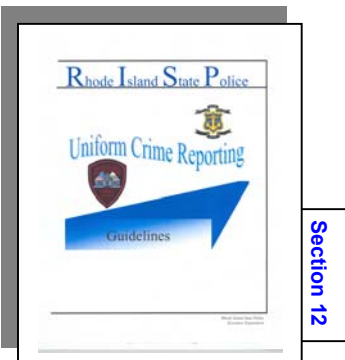
RI UCR Guideline Book

To obtain a hardcopy, contact the State UCR Unit at 444-1156.

NIBRS Modifications/Clarifications to Data Values, Effective Immediately

Expand Property Description Code 27 = Recordings/Audio/Visual

The NIBRS program has expanded the type of Recording/Audio/Visual Property to include blank or recorded media:

27 = Recordings/Audio/Visual (phonograph records and blank or recorded compact discs,

audio or video tapes, digital
video discs, cassettes, etc.)

Examples of Weapon Type Code 15 = Other Firearm

In order to clarify Data Value 15 = Other Firearm (Data Element 13, Type Weapon/Force Involved) , the NIBRS training team has provided examples:

15 = Other Firearm (e.g., bazookas, stinger missiles, and rocket and grenade launchers)

Should you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact the State UCR Unit at 444-1156.

Training

The State UCR Unit offers one-on-one training to UCR coordinators to assist contributing agencies in record practices and crime reporting procedures. Training is available by appointment and will be structured around the needs of the agency. All training should be scheduled in advance.

Should you have any questions or concerns with crime reporting procedures, please contact the State UCR Unit and we will make every effort to address the problem.

This is intended to serve as a support mechanism for UCR contributors while helping to improve crime data submitted to the State UCR Program.

Frequently asked questions, and problem scenarios will be released in the UCR Newsletter, as well as policy updates.

The State UCR Unit has internal procedures of error checking and reviewing all data for accuracy, and we will contact the UCR Contributor when necessary to address crime-reporting

issues. You may be requested by the State UCR Unit to schedule a date to discuss discrepancies and errors reports.

Data Submission Requirements

UCR/IBR data should be validated according to Error Checking Procedures (as listed in the RI UCR Guideline Book, Section 4) and sent to the State UCR Unit no later than 14 days after the close of the reporting period.

Jan 14, 2005	Deadline for agencies to submit 4th quarter UCR/IBR Data

With the cooperation of local law enforcement, it is anticipated that 2004 Preliminary Release will be disseminated in February 2005 and that Crime in Rhode Island Publication will available on the Rhode Island State Police web site (www.risp.state.ri.us) by March 2005.

Reminder
UCR Newsletters should be filed in the *UCR Guideline Books* issued to your department. Every department received at least one Guideline Book.

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